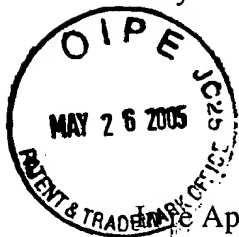


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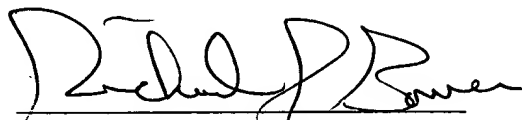
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Sir:

Attached please find the listing of claims from the amendment filed on May 12, 2005. Claims 1-31 now include the status identifier (Canceled). Applicants believe that the amendment is now compliant with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. A copy of the May 20, 2005 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, is attached.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3507. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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